GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2128
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2004
UPLIFTMENT OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to unveil programmes for the upliftment of tribal people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several NGOs working with tribal people had appealed to the Government to provide the guaranteed constitutional rights to all the Integrated Tribal Development Project areas in many parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs already implements several Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes/programmes for the socio-economic development of tribals in all the States/UTs. These schemes of the Ministry relate to income and employment generation, infrastructure development, educational development and improvement in literacy of all the tribals. Some Schemes pertain to ensuring fair prices for minor forest produce and food security for the tribals, besides the promotion of voluntary efforts in the area of tribal welfare. The list of Schemes/programmes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, being implemented is annexed. The funds are released to the departments in charge of tribal welfare, who are required to ensure that these reach the beneficiaries.

(c) No such requests have been received by the Ministry from the NGOs working for the welfare of tribals.

(d) Does not arise.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2128 dated 14.12.2004 by Shri Chandra Bhushan Singh regarding `Upliftment of Tribals`

Major Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes

1. Grant-in-aid to NGO for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching & Allied Scheme

2. Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas

3. Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets

4. Investment/Price Support to Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED)

5. Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce
6 Village Grain Bank Scheme

7 Development of Primitive Tribal Groups

8. Support to National/State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporations

9. Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students
10. Scheme of Hostels for Scheduled Tribe Girls and Boys
11. Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas
12. Research Information & Mass Education, Tribal Festivals and Others.
13. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP)
14. Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution